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NARRATIVES FROM THE WAR

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German women are carrying on work shops and other forms of relief for their own women rendered destitute through the war and are indefatigable in making Red Cross supplies. At least forty German nurses have received the Iron Cross for distinguished courage on the field of battle and one has been appointed the first woman army doctor in Germany.

President Poincare personally presented a French Cross of War to Queen Elizabeth of Belgium when he was on a visit to the Flanders front.

A Russian princess is an aviator in the Russian air corps. Another female aviator has been decorated for the accurate plans of the enemy's position which she brought back to her commander, enabling him to train his guns with such accuracy that the day was won for the Russians.

The authorities of Girton College (the Woman's College), Cambridge, England, have lent its beautiful grounds for the use of a colony of Belgian refugees, who under the direction of a Belgian professor of agriculture, wounded at the front, are carrying on their highly lucrative trade of intensive market gardening and teaching it to the women of the eastern counties of England, who will thus develop a new industry.

The League of Honor has recently been begun in Canada under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. Women of all classes and creeds are enrolled to help the men fighting abroad by the purity, temperance and prayer of the women at home.

The hospitals organized and run by the Scottish Federation of the National Union of women suffrage societies are staffed entirely by women. Surgeons, physicians, anaesthetists, nurses, orderlies, X-ray operators, chauffeurs, all are women. There are two hospitals in France, three in England, one in Russia. The French soldiers call the hospital at Royanmont, Paradise.

Lord Northcliffe, in a message to the Canadian people, says, "Canadian soldiers, Canadian medical corps and splendid nurses have brought the initiative and enthusiasm of the new world to the great struggle."

The plotters of the unsuccessful rising in Dublin were led to believe that the Irish regiments in the British army would refuse to fight against them; that a number of German submarines would keep

the Irish Sea clear, so that no troops could be sent to Ireland and that a large German army would land in Tralee. All their hopes were disappointed.

Three thousand women have offered for agricultural training at Bawtry, Yorkshire. There are few women in England who are not doing their bit.

At a meeting in London of the National Committee of Relief in Belgium, it was stated that while over eight and a quarter million dollars had been received during the year the only expense was about \$135 for bank charges. The total contributions from Great Britain and America amounted to about \$15,000,000, not including the substantial aid indirectly afforded by the British Government.

Dr. De Sandfort, a French surgeon, has perfected a treatment for the burns inflicted by the new boiling tar shells used by the Germans. The burns are sprayed with sterilized water and then with almost boiling paraffin wax. Within ten minutes the pain has passed off. Next day the wax is pulled off like a glove and a new layer applied. In from two to eight weeks an entirely new skin takes the place of the burned tissues.

An exhibition was held in the Tuilleries Gardens at which methods of reconstructing the devastated villages of France were shown. Types of reconstructed houses with modern sanitary equipment and plans for laying out cities and towns were on exhibition.

A moving spectacle is witnessed in Paris from time to time when decorations are conferred on orphans and widows for the gallantry in action of their fathers and husbands. As such recipient approaches, the decoration is presented for which the dead soldier gave his life, and a brief recital of his heroic deed is read.

The newest French shell is almost the weight of a man and has a correspondingly great girth. Its steel nose tapers gradually to a sharp point.

A Hungarian bread ticket, after reciting the rules regulating the procuring of bread, adds, "Any contravention of this regulation will be punished by two months imprisonment and 600 Kronen fine and any other further contravention will be punished very severely."

FROM AN EXAMINER'S NOTE BOOK

"The large triangular muscle of the back is the trapezius, trapeze performers use it more than anyone else."